

**Thomas Jefferson to Washington, D.C., Commissioners,
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Jefferson to Johnson and Stuart

Philadelphia January 29. 1791.

TO THOMAS JOHNSON & DAVID STUART ESQRS.

Sir

Mr. Carroll supposing that doubts may arise whether he can act as one of the Commissioners for the federal Seat, while a member of Congress, has declined, and has returned me the commission, which had been deposited with him as one of the members. I have now the honor to enclose it to [you] and to observe that two members suffice for business. I will be some time before a third will be named. The President having thought Major L'Enfant peculiarly qualified to make such a draught of the ground as will enable himself to fix on the spot for the public buildings, he has been written to for that purpose, and will be sent on if he chuses to undertake it. I have the honor to be, Sir &c

Th: Jefferson.

Note. —In the letter to Mr. Stuart these words were comprised in the Brackets instead of [“you”] vizt.

[“mr. Johnson first named therein”]

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